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[Despatch Abstract.]

Industries - Industrial Panels Panel on Hosiery Industry - Recommendations - Papers - Recorded.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Panel recommends the following production target for hosiery goods during the first five post-war years.

Type of garment	Annual production target at the end of 1951.	Quantity of yarn required.
1. Underwear	500 million pieces (including 200 million pieces for export)	150 million lbs. @ about 4 ozs. per garment.
2. Outerwear including neck-wear; head-wear, etc.	100 million pieces (including 33 million pieces for export)	37½ million lbs. @ about 6 ozs. per garment.
3. Foot-wear including socks, stockings etc.	50 million pairs (including 17 million pairs for export).	4 million lbs. @ about 1 lb. per dozen pairs.

2. Regarding the question of supply of yarn for the hosiery industry, the Panel recommends that the Government of India should keep in view the requirements of the hosiery industry when allocating spinning plants, both for cotton and wollen or worsted yarns.

3. The Panel recommends that Government should allow a free import of knitting machines, sewing dyeing and finishing equipment, sewing thread, hosiery needles, fabrication machinery high speed winding machines for winding hosiery yarn, sinkers and other small accessories required by the industry.

4. The Panel recommends that early steps should be taken to establish factories for the manufacture of hosiery needles and knitting machines in India.

5. The Panel feels that if, as it is believed likely to be th case, any share of the plants existing in enemy countries should fall to India's share, the requirements of the hosiery industry should be kept in view.

6. Regarding location of industry, the Panel is of the opinion that besides the general principles laid down in the industrial policy of the Government no other factors should govern the future location of hosiery factories in India.

7. The Panel feels that there are extremely bright prospects for the export of Indian hosiery goods.

8. The Panel recommends that the hosiery industry should be entirely owned by private enterprise.

9. The Panel recommends that the present rate of tariff granted should be continued.

10. The Panel recommends that there should be no Government controls for the development of this industry except those which may form part of general industrial policy of the Government.

11. The Panel recommends that a seperate research section should be attached to the Cotton Technological Laboratory, Indian Central Cotton Committee, Bombay, for tackling research problems of the industry. The Government should sanction an adequate research grant for this purpose and provide for active co-ordination between the industry and the proposed Research Section.

12. The Panel strongly recommends that hosiery manufacturers should form themselves into an association for the development

of this industry particularly with regard to fixing specification and grades of products both for internal and export markets.

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The file deals with the report of the Panel set up by by the Government of India to report on the future development of Hosiery industries. While examining the Final report of the Panel, it was considered that the decissions of th Indian on the recommendations of the Panel may be awaited. In accordance with the announcement of their Industrial policy, the Government of India have now constituted a central Advisory Council for Industries to examine this industry and hhis government have nominated Hon'ble Minister(Ind.) to serve on the Council. As the central Advisory Council of Industries will examine the development of these industries in detail, no separate action seems called for in this file. It is for consideration whether the papers may be recorded.

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